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2. (amended) A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp[or the like], comprising:

(a) an image receiving structure having:

(i) a support;

(ii) a barrier layer formed over the support; and

(iii) an information receiving layer which contains recorded information, such information receiving layer being formed over the barrier layer;[and

(iv) a clear hydrophobic protective layer formed over the information receiving layer]; and

(b) a hydrophilic layer formed over the information receiving layer and selected so as to be able to receive a water-based colorant image.

REMARKS

Formal drawings are submitted herewith under separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson. It is believed these drawings satisfy the informalities noted by the Draftsperson in PTO-948 attached to Paper No. 3. Approval by the Examiner of these drawings is respectfully requested.

Applicants affirm their election, with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1-2. Claims 3-12 are hereby cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. The examiner objected to claims 1 and 2 as including a clear hydrophobic protective layer. Although applicants believe the examiner is incorrect in his rejection but applicants upon careful consideration believe that this layer is not essential for practicing the present invention and in fact is unduly limiting. The term "or the like" in claims 1 and 2 has been deleted in accordance with the Examiner's kind suggestion. Accordingly, the clear hydrophobic protective layer has been deleted. The claim as written is believed to be clear and concise and meeting all of the requirements of 35 USC § 112. In view of the foregoing it is believed the rejection under 35 USC § 112 first and second paragraph has been overcome.